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THE HANDS OF SHANG-CHI, MASTER OF KUNG FU



ADMIT IT, SON
OF FU MANCHU! IN
ME YOU HAVE MET
YOUR MASTER--
AND YOUR
DOOM!

SAVAGE
IS THE
SKULL CRUSHER!



"Call me Shang-Chi, as my *father* did, when he raised me and molded my mind and my body in the vacuum of his Honan, China retreat. I learned many things from my father. Since then, I have learned that my father is **Dr. Fu Manchu**, the most insidiously evil man on earth...and that to *honor* him would bring nothing but *dishonor* to the spirit of my *name*.

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WELL, THEY ARE LOVELY, SIR DENIS, BUT YOU STILL SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE TO THE TROUBLE, I'M BEING RELEASED TODAY.

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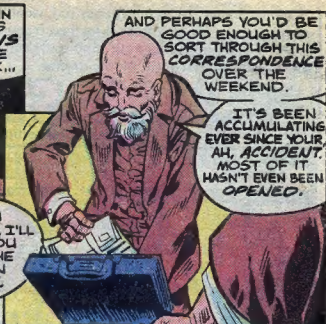


IN FACT, CLIVE--AH, MR. RESTON--IS DROPPING BY TO ESCORT ME HOME.



I SEE, WELL, IN CERTAIN WAYS I SUPPOSE HE IS A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK...

WELL, IN THAT CASE, I'LL EXPECT YOU BACK IN THE OFFICE ON MONDAY.

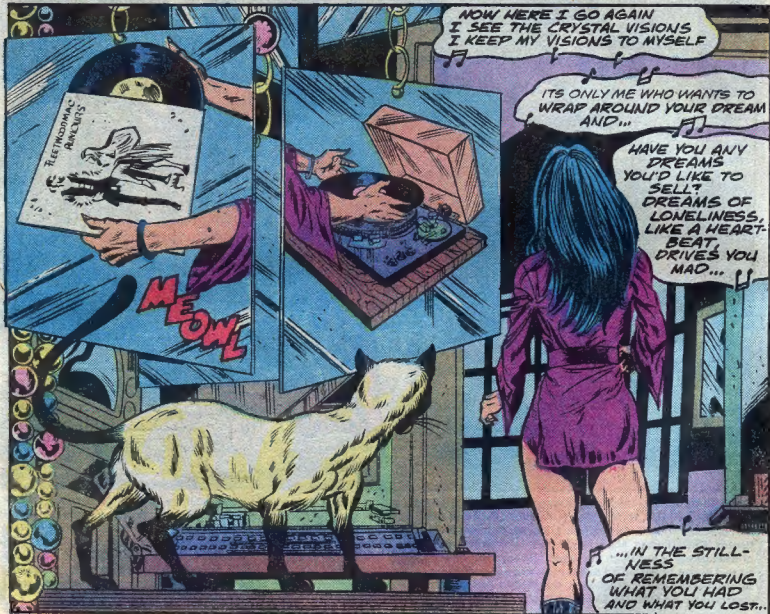


AND PERHAPS YOU'D BE GOOD ENOUGH TO SORT THROUGH THIS CORRESPONDENCE OVER THE WEEKEND.

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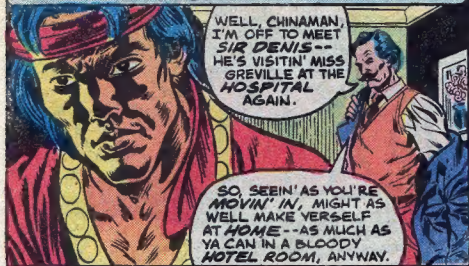
NOW HERE I GO AGAIN I SEE THE CRYSTAL VISIONS I KEEP MY VISIONS TO MYSELF

IT'S ONLY ME WHO WANTS TO WRAP AROUND YOUR DREAM AND...

HAVE YOU ANY DREAMS YOU'D LIKE TO SELL? DREAMS OF LONELINESS, LIKE A HEART-BEAT, DRIVES YOU MAD...

...IN THE STILLNESS OF REMEMBERING WHAT YOU HAD AND WHAT YOU LOST...

"THAT IS THE MYSTERY THEY WEAR, LIKE SOFT CLOAKS OF DARKNESS..."



WELL, CHINAMAN, I'M OFF TO MEET SIR DENIS-- HE'S VISITIN' MISS GREVILLE AT THE HOSPITAL AGAIN.

SO, SEEMIN' AS YOU'RE MOVIN' IN, MIGHT AS WELL MAKE YERSELF AT HOME--AS MUCH AS YA CAN IN A BLOODY HOTEL ROOM, ANYWAY.

"...OR MY LAST MEMORIES OF LEIKO OUTSIDE WAR-YORE'S CASTLE..."

I'M NOT "YOUR WOMAN," SHANG-CHI.



I'M NOT ANYONE'S WOMAN--NOR DO I WANT TO BE!

"...MEMORIES WHICH CAUSE ME TO WONDER IF I REALLY KNEW HER, UNDERSTOOD HER...AS I THOUGHT I DID."

"BUT THE SUN IS STILL HIGH. WHY DOES MY SPIRIT WEAR SUCH A DARK CLOAK?"



"PERHAPS IT IS LEIKO WHO TURNS DAY INTO NIGHT..."

"AND IF I DO NOT KNOW HER, THEN CAN I TRULY...LOVE HER? PERHAPS IT MERELY SEEMS LIKE SO, FROM SHARING SENSE... HER PRE- AND SO THE PRE- OTHERS... SELDOM SENSE OF"



"EH--? TARR. WHERE HAS HE..."

"--GONE?"

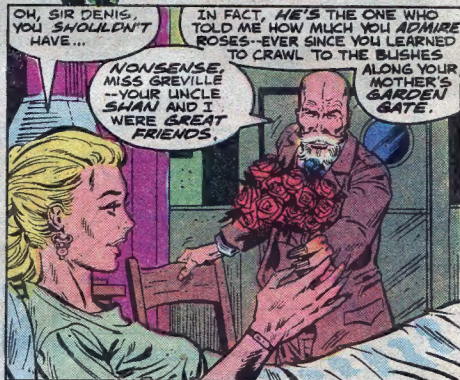


OH, SIR DENIS, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE..."

IN FACT, HE'S THE ONE WHO TOLD ME HOW MUCH YOU ADMIRE ROSES--EVER SINCE YOU LEARNED TO CRAWL TO THE BUSHES

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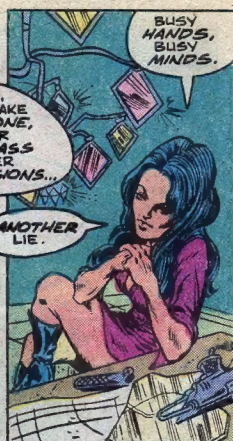
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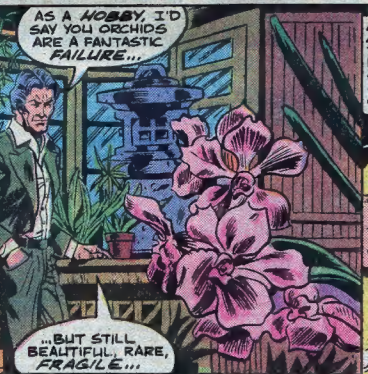
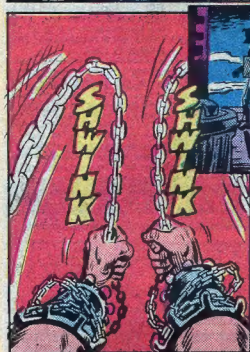
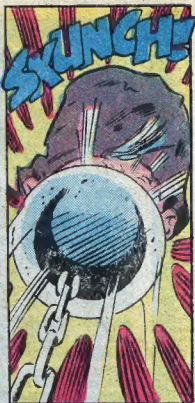
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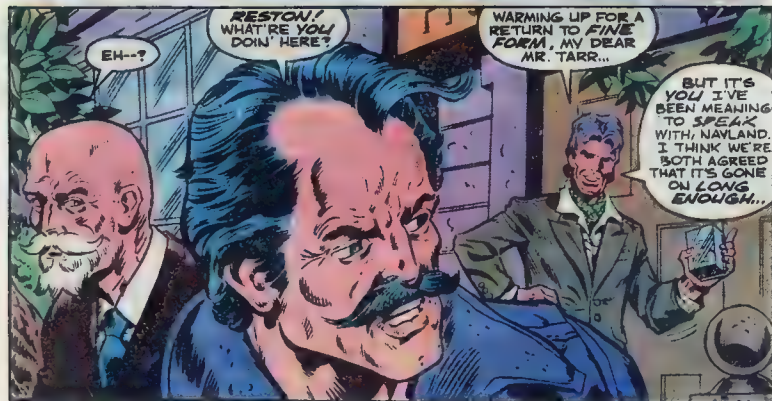
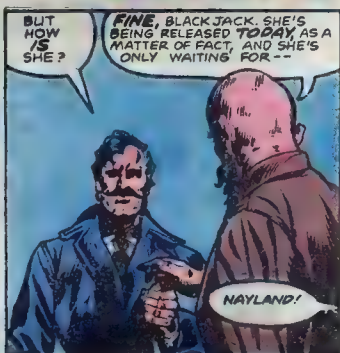
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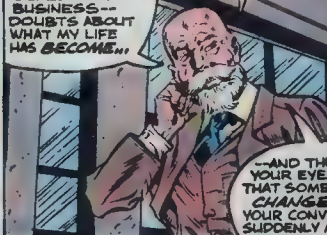
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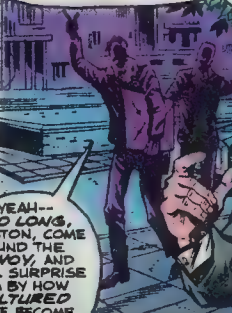
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"SHOULD I...?"



"YES."

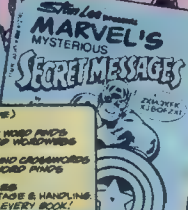
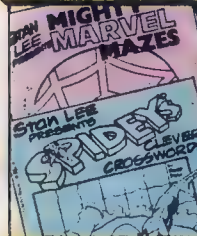
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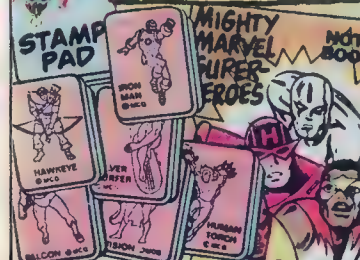
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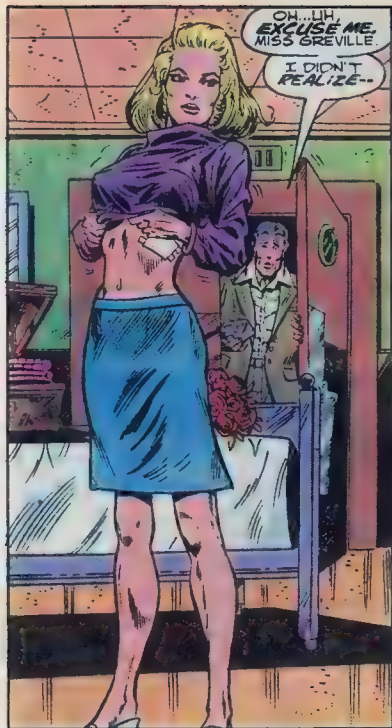
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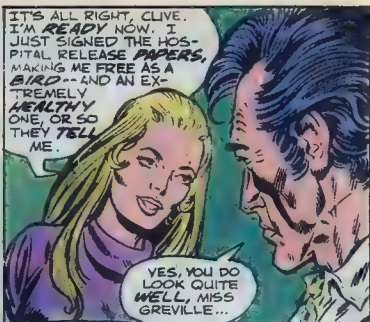
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OH...UH,
EXCUSE ME,
MISS GREVILLE.

I DIDN'T
REALIZE--



IT'S ALL RIGHT, CLIVE.
I'M READY NOW. I
JUST SIGNED THE HOS-
PITAL RELEASE PAPERS,
MAKING ME FREE AS A
BIRD--AND AN EX-
TREMELY
HEALTHY
ONE, OR SO
THEY TELL
ME.

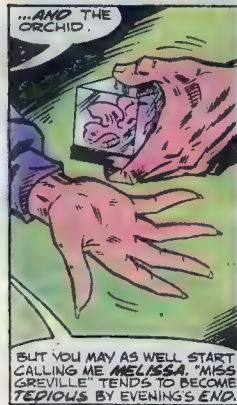
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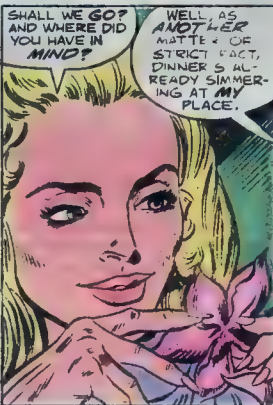
ONE WOULDN'T
EVEN KNOW
YOU'D BEEN
IN THE
HOSPITAL.



WHY,
THANK
YOU, CLIVE--
FOR THE
COMPLIMENT.



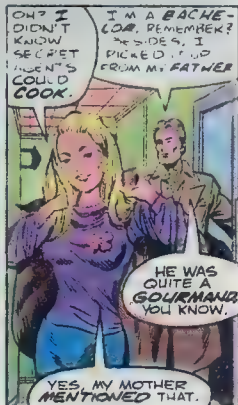
...AND THE
ORCHID.



SHALL WE GO?
AND WHERE DID
YOU HAVE IN
MIND?

WELL, AS
ANOTHER
MATTER OF
STRICT FACT,
DINNER'S AL-
READY SIMMER-
ING AT MY
PLACE.

BUT YOU MAY AS WELL START
CALLING ME MELISSA. 'MISS
GREVILLE' TENDS TO BECOME
TEDIOUS BY EVENING'S END.



OH? I
DIDN'T
KNOW
SECRET
INGEN'S
COULD
COOK.

I'M A BACHE-
LOR, REMEMBER?
BESIDES, I
PICKED IT UP
FROM MY FATHER

HE WAS
QUITE A
GOURMAND,
YOU KNOW.

YES, MY MOTHER
MENTIONED THAT.

"YES, I MUST INVESTIGATE... MUST SEEK TO PIERCE THE CLOAK, TOUCH THE HEART MYSTERY..."

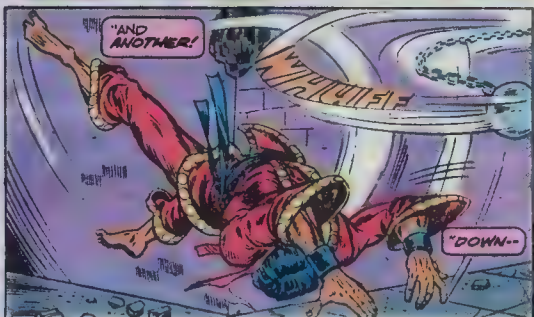
"...LURKING AT THE END OF THIS--"



"--PASSAGEWAY..."



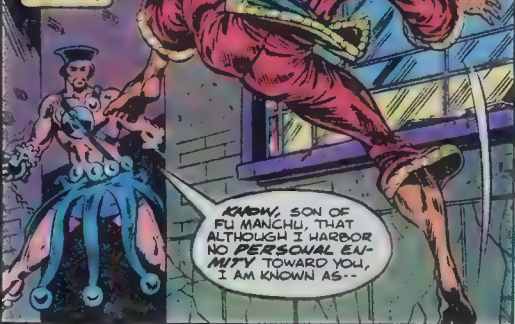
"AND ANOTHER!"



"--AND UP, OUT OF RANGE..."

"...NEXT TO A WINDOW OF COLORED GLASS, SHATTERED TO LIKE ME HERE, BACK INTO THIS DESERTED COURTYARD, TO FACE..."

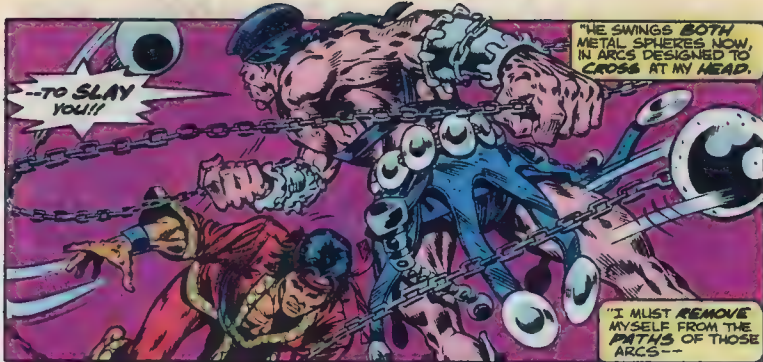
"...WHOM?"



--THE SKULL CRUSHER... AND IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY FOR ME TO FIND YOU BEFORE YOU LEAVE LONDON.



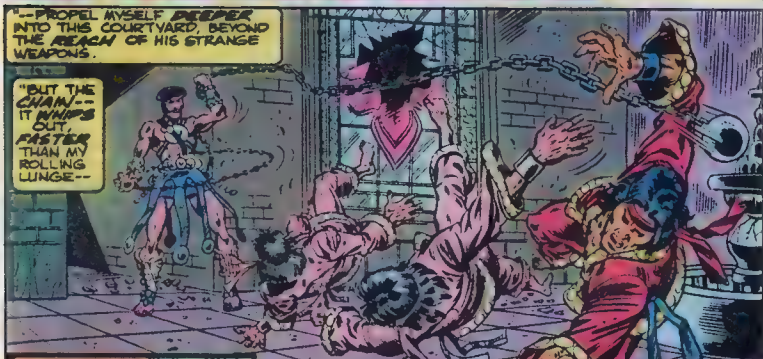
YOU SEE, I HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED PAYMENT--



--TO SLAY YOU!!

"HE SWINGS BOTH METAL SPHERES NOW, IN ARCS DESIGNED TO CROSS AT MY HEAD."

"I MUST REMOVE MYSELF FROM THE PATHS OF THOSE ARCS--"



--PROPEL MYSELF DEEPER INTO THIS COURTYARD, BEYOND THE REACH OF HIS STRANGE WEAPONS.

"BUT THE CHAIN-- IT WHIPS OUT FASTER THAN MY ROLLING LUNGE--"



"--STRANGLING ME, PULLING ME FORWARD TO HIS--"



"--NEXT STRIKE."

FWAKE!

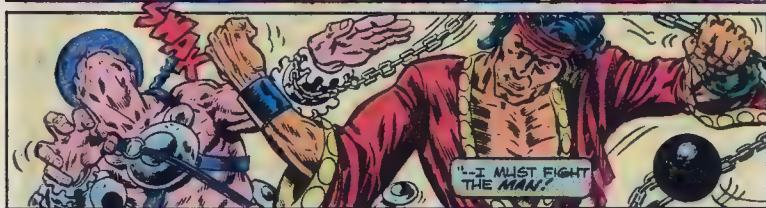
"NO! IT IS USELESS! STRUGGLING ONLY DRAWS THE CHAIN TIGHTER--"



"--ITS LENGTH MUCH LONGER THAN I SUSPECTED--"

"MUST SURRENDER TO THE CHAIN--"

"--ALLOW MYSELF TO BE DRAWN TO HIM--"



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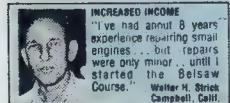
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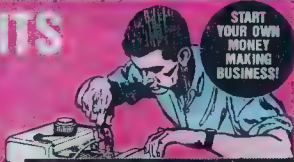
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1) The story's true villain is actually seen (albeit as a "subliminal visage") as early as page 17. Who is the villain? In which panel does he appear? Where in that panel does he appear? And from which character's viewpoint is he seen? (Warning: This clue is so subtle and well hidden that even the colorist failed to notice it, so look hard.)

2) What is the double significance of the name "Amar-Tu"? (Hint: One is a partial anagram and the other a bad pun.)

3) Cite at least two other clues presented in the story.

The earliest correct entry will be printed right here in a future letters page, and the winning contestant will be awarded a copy of the original plot for "The Temples of Time" (which differs wildly from the completed script, affording a fascinating peek behind the scenes at the progressive development of a Marvel comic book, and which is, in and of itself, virtually a short prose story) autographed by writer Doug Moench—as well as a page of the actual large-size original artwork (one with plenty of action shots of Shang-Chi) from that same story, donated and autographed by artist Mike Zeck!

Fair enough? Okay, then what're ya waitin' for, confound it! Dig out your copies of issue #59 and start cookin' those brains!

And now, while we anxiously await your erudite entries, let's look in on some letters...

Dear Doug,

Lately Marvel mags have unfortunately slumped, giving me little inspiration to write letters of comment. However, when MOKF #56 came out, I realized there's still one mag that's REALLY worth reading!

"The Saga of War-Yore" is one of the most interesting concepts to appear in some time. A story, a mystery, slowly unraveling over four issues, each nonetheless filled with action and suspense, and complete in itself.

The James Bond in-joke (F.Y.E.O.) was great, but it also perpetuates the mystery. The directive, "For Your Eyes Only," indicates some really shady business. And judging by the apparent British Secret Service agents who are associated with War-Yore, some of whom don't know what's going on and some of whom presumably do, one assumes that Nayland Smith himself is implicated in the whole affair. I doubt he's behind it all, but until this bloody business is cleared up I don't want to make up my mind one way or the other. You know, one of the great unsolved mysteries of our time (fictionally speaking) concerns the British Secret Service, in circumstances somewhat similar to this. When, on the TV show "The Prisoner," Patrick McGeehan resigned from the service (much as have Chi, Clive, Wu, and Tarr), he was abducted by whoever ran the "village." Even after he escaped, he never learned who was behind the plot—but I suspect they may have been the same jokers now associated with War-Yore, whose methods have become less reserved if no less exotic.

Jim Craig obviously did a heck of a job on the art; however, and this I must stress, please change inkers! The current styles just do not mesh, and the inks certainly do not do Jim Craig's pencils justice. I suggest someone like Jack Abel, whose rendering of MOKF #43-44 & 48 were among the most pleasing pages of art I've ever seen.

Say, Doug, have you seen "The Spy Who Loved Me"? That movie reminded me not of a James Bond novel, but of one of your MOKF comics! (Except yours are more realistic.) And it's certainly the best Bond film since the classic "On Her Majesty's Secret Service."

Henry R. Kujawa
1202 Everett Street
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Doug heartily concurs with you, Henry, in that "Spy" and "Majesty's" are certainly two of the very best Bond films produced to date. (In fact, Doug was inspired to write "The Inferno Scheme" for the late, lamented black and white DOC SAVAGE book after he and Jumbo John Verpoorten took in a screening of "Majesty's." Deb made the pizza and popcorn, and it was a good, fun, productive night.) But, in the space allowed here, Doug can make only one comment about "Spy"—the very same comment he made about "Majesty's." Wow... if only they'd had Connery.

Dear Editor:

I've been a faithful reader of Shang-Chi's adventures since their inception and while I enjoy the series there's no doubt in my mind that MOKF is Marvel's most overrated comic. To listen to the readers, you'd think Doug Moench was the greatest thing in comicdom since the creation of the superhero. Not true! Doug is better than the average comic book writer, which is a little better than trashy. Trash is the average level of comic mag scripting, so anyone like Doug who rises above the muck is considered a near-genius. But what really irritates me about this mag is the way Leiko Wu is constantly being captured by one fiend after another. This "damsel in distress" routine is tiresome and unreal. Leiko was originally presented as a resourceful, independent lady agent — yet she's so easy to kidnap! If Shang-Chi were in War-Yore's jail, he'd be busily trying fifty different ways to escape; but Leiko, being a mere female, just sits passively in her cell. You can't have it both ways; either Leiko should be a strong, independent woman who is Shang-Chi's equal, or she should revert permanently to a typical comics female: Passive and victimized.

Selina Zane
Phoenixville, PA 19460

"Sob" It finally happened; MOKF got slammed in the teeth with a negative letter! And to think: Doug drove right through Phoenixville just the other day and didn't even scowl once! So much for precognition...

We'll let your first equation (comics=trash) rest right where it is, Selina, to be picked up by other readers if they so desire. But we think you're way off base on the Leiko issue. First, as best we can remember offhand, Leiko has been abducted three times in some thirty issues, escaping more-or-less on her own two of those times. (In the third instance, involving Mordillo, she tried to escape and very nearly succeeded, thwarted only by the intervention of Brynacki, and thus Greater Numbers.) Furthermore, Shang-Chi himself has been abducted or taken temporary captive far more than three times, as have Tarr and Reston, and even Smith and Petrie. There is no shame, weakness, or "sexism" inherent in being kidnapped. Indeed, a recent segment of CBS' "60 Minutes" postulated that, due to the very nature of the act (striking when the victim least expects it), kidnapping is the easiest of all major crimes to "pull off"—if not to "get away" with. And finally, concerning Leiko's stay in War-Yore's dungeon cell, after reading issue #57, we hope you found the crow tasty.

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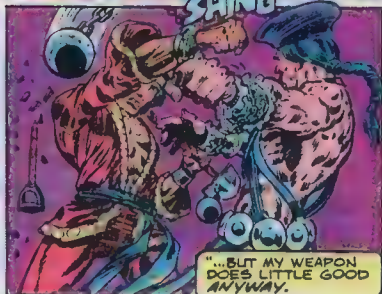
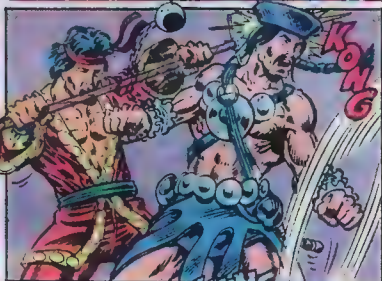
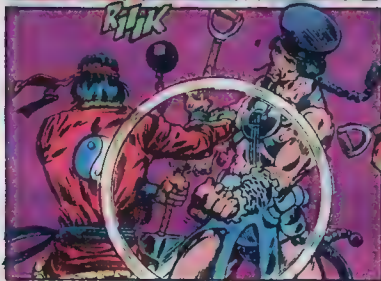
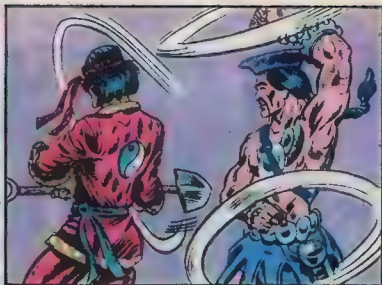
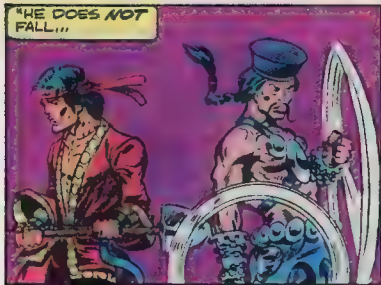
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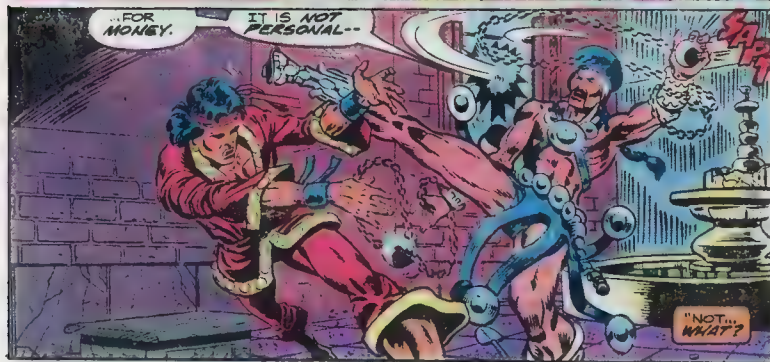
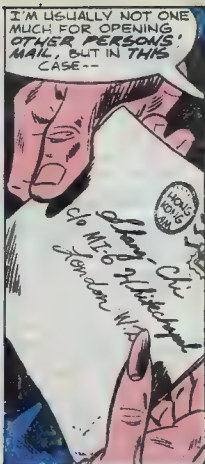
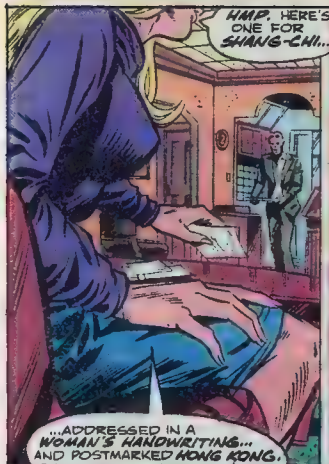
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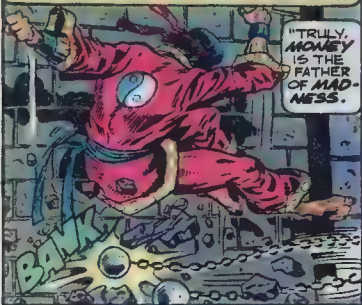
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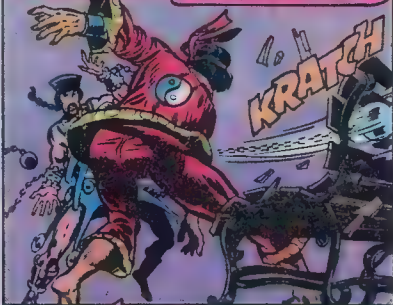


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"FOR, LIKE A TREE WHOSE TOP LEAVES DO NOT YET REALIZE ITS ROOTS ARE DEAD--"

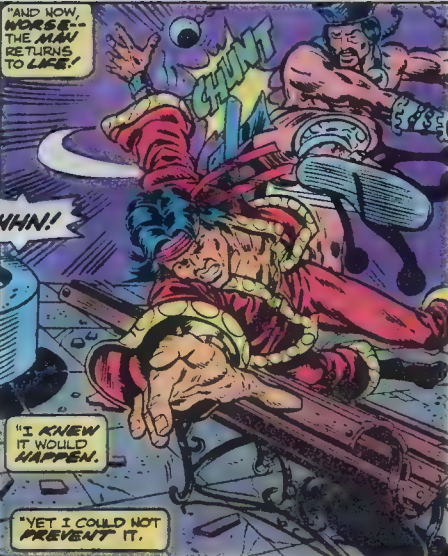


"THIS WEAPON IS **SLOW TO DIE**, AND STOPPING THE MAN DOES NOT IMMEDIATELY--"

"--HALT ITS FLIGHT."



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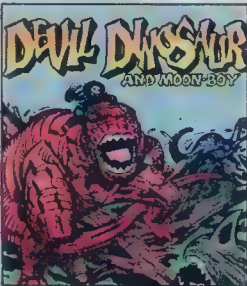
STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hey, culture lovers, here's a Thanksgiving treat for you! I won't try to tell you a single thing anywhere in this column! Instead, I'll let you in on a sassa-ss-shattering secret! Ready? Here it is! Even the mighty moguls of Marvel can make a mistake! And the one we made a few issues back is a real cymbal-clanger! If you're the one holdout in all of comicdom who didn't notice it, this is for you. Last August, right here in the cosmospanning Soapbox, I asked you to try to guess what PIZZAZZ was. I figured we'd make a little game out of it and I'd clue you in next ish. But who knew—WHO KNEW—my over-eager little staff would be putting a big, full-page, full-color AD for PIZZAZZ right on the inside front cover of all those very same mags?!!!! There I was tryin' to tease you, shyly asking you to guess about something that was fully and completely described on a previous page in the same magazine! Talk about having egg all over your face! This time I got the whole chicken! Oh well, weddies expect from a guy who could never remember whether his own character was called Bruce Banner or Bob Banner! Hey, speaking of that, here's another nutty thing that could only happen in the wacky world of Marvel. As you know, Universal Studios just completed a live-action, 2-hour special TV movie of everybody's favorite jolly green giant. (In fact, THE INCREDIBLE HULK may be prime-timing it on the tube by the time you read these imperishable words!) Anyway, what do you think they called of Doc Banner? Bruce? Uh-uh! Bob? Forget it! They decided to name him Dave! What there is about our recalcitrant little rampager that makes it so tough for people to get his name right I'll never know! But there you have it, more living proof that—despite what you've always thought—even the minions of Marvel are sometimes less than perfect! But keep it to yourselves, huh? We'd hate the compish to find out that we're merely flesh and blood! Look, in case I'm sounding too humble, don't worry. One of these days, if we ever do something right, I'll tell you about that, too!

Excelsior!

Stan

expecting this—there's MACHINE MAN. If the title's not quite familiar to you, it's because we felt a brand new feature ought to be launched with a brand new name, but Machine Man is most certainly *Miller Machine*, whose adventures in the now-defunct 2001 book drew more comment and acclaim than any other stories in that searing science-fiction series. With cyborg super-heroes still rampaging on TV and star-warring robots stealing scenes at motion picture theaters, Jack's mechanized man with the all-too-human feelings ought to be one of his biggest successes yet! For his second title, Jack proves that there's no time or topic he can't bring the distinctive Kirby touch to by taking you into the primitive conflicts of earth's prehistoric past for the adventures of DEVIL DINOSAUR. We're betting that if you dig our GODZILLA book (and from cards, letters, and sales reports we've got to conclude that more than a few of you do), this one just has to be your mixture of monstrous mayhem! Both of these bombshells should be bursting your way in about a month's time, so watch these pages for further announcements!



ITEM! You know, one of the things we're most often asked in the billions of letters you people are good enough to send us is usually something like: "Hey! If Thor is trapped by the Cosmic Hairdresser's Rinse-and-Set machine in his own book, how is he able to fight side-by-side with the Vision, Iron Man, and the Scarlet Witch against the Giant Wombats of Fu Manchu in the latest AVENGERS?" Vexing as this type of dilemma is to all continuity buffs—and most of the Bullpen counts itself in the forefront of those ranks—there's a reasonably simple explanation, one put forward by STAN THE MAN himself in this very column several years back, which bears repeating every now and then for those of you who dropped in late to the Marvel Universe. Obviously, all of the adventures taking place in all of our various titles are not happening at the same time. What the mighty Thor is doing in his own book—to stick with our example—may be happening before or after what's going on in the AVENGERS. Also, *Marvel* time is not the same as real time. Showing four hours of the Thunder

God's admittedly hectic life may take four issues and four months of regular time, so that adds to the continuity confusion and creates situations like, having Peter Parker sunning himself in the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN while having a snowball fight in the same month's TEAM-UP or SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN. What we try to do is to occasionally leave time gaps between the end of one adventure and the start of another, so that an imaginative and industrious Marvelite can figure: "Ah! The Hulk was in Hohokus, New Jersey when Jim polished off Orloff the Orthodoxist last issue, but this month's mag opens with him kicking sand in a bully's face on Piemo Beach! Getting there probably took him several days. That could explain why his had time to help Nighthawk and Hellcat in the bean-seating contest several issues ago in the DEFENDERS!" We think it's one of really fun fringe benefits of being a Marvel fan, and judging from some of the well-worked-out theses that a lot of you keep sending our way, you're in agreement. Try it sometime. . . We may not always agree on the exact course of Marvel history, but trying to plot may be the greatest parlor game since Twenty Questions.

ITEM! We know most of you are probably starting to think about Thanksgiving turkey, but as this is being written there's still a smidgen of Summer left, so we'll bow to the browbeating of the Bullpen Softball Team and inform you that despite a slow start, the t-tonic men are finishing the season strong with victories over Doubleday Books and rival comics group, Warren Publishing. No small part of these victories have come from such stellar performers as Vivacious VILMA FALCON, who in addition to working in our Subscription Department manages to pitch, hit, and field like a pro, and to devastating DAVIDA LICHTER-DALE and Ramblin' RICK PARKER of art production, who usually carry the beer.

ITEM! Let's close out with a swift parade of pluglets and call your attention to such goodies now available as our \$1.00, 80-page, Giant MAN FROM ATLANTIS comic. This is a special to kick off the series we'll be doing about TV's undersea superstar and offers two bonus-length comics stories plus articles, pin-ups and photos of Mark Harris and Company. When we say this is a big one, we're really being literal! Also, the second in our full-color paperback collectors' editions is out. First was SPIDER-MAN. This time around it's the FANTASTIC FOUR. Another paperback in the Marvel manner is our illustrated version of STAR WARS. If you missed the Treasury Edition or regular monthly mags, here's your chance to make it up; if you've become a Star Wars completist, here's one more item you can't live without. And last, for younger readers and TV cartoon aficionados, this month sees the appearance of the all-new, all original FLINTSTONE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY featuring your favorite Hanna-Barbera characters in a gift-size Treasury book! Look for 'em all. . . and for us in this same spot next time.

ITEM! Hey, we've been promising and promising to give you the scoop on JACK "King" KIRBY's two new titles just as soon as the time was right. Well, we have first issues on both of them sitting with us right now, so the need for secrecy is certainly past. First off—and we'll bet most of you were already

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CAPTURE 'EM OR...

...OR OUR NAME'S NOT
DING-A-LING!

WE KNOW NOT WHAT PROVOKETH THEE, STRANGE
FAMILY... BUT IF THOU DOST COME AMONGST
US WITH UNPLEASANTNESS IN THY HEARTS...

WITH UNPLEASANTNESS THOU
SHALT BE MET...

...AND THEN SOME.

BY CRACKY, THAT PURTY,
YELLA-HAIRED FELLA'S
THE LEADER... LET'S
HORNSWOGGLE HIM,
AND THE REST'LL BE
A PIECE OF CAKE...

OK, PA, MA, AUNTIE, SISTER,
BROTHER, COUSINS BEE AND
BYE, AND GRANDMA--ALL YOU
DING-A-LINGS--HOLD HIM STILL,
SO AH KEN GIT A BEAD ON 'IM
WITH MY ATOMIC SHOTGUN.

THY FAMILIAL BONDS ARE IN-
DEED STRONG... PITY 'TIS MIS-
SPENT ON EVIL... BUT 'TIS
NAUGHT BEFORE THE FIERCE
POWER OF THE MYSTIC
MALLET Mjolnir...

HEE HEE HAW, COUSIN
BYE... AH THINK WE
GOT 'IM...

SHO MUFF, COUSIN
BEE... IT'S OUR
COUSIN-POWER
SECRET WEAPON...
NOTHING CAN
RESIST IT EXCEPT
WHEN OUR HAIDS
WANDER A BIT...
AND WE LOSE THE
CONCENTRATION...
AND WE GOOF
IT UP OUR-
SELVES.

BUT...WHAT'S THIS?...THE
COUSINS THEY CALLETH
BEE AND BYE RESIS-
TETH THE HAMMER...?

...AYE THEN, 'TIS BUT CHILD'S
PLAY TO USE THIS PLOY AND
DISTRACT THE COUSINS BEE
AND BYE... AND BYE AND
BYE 'T'WILL BE THEIR
UNDOING...

...ER...UH...AH...
MMM...HMM...
LOOKA THET...
COUSIN BYE...

CHERRY... GREAT, LIGHT
TENDER CRUST... REAL
FRUIT FILLING, COUSIN
BYE... I CAN'T RECOLLECT
WHAT WE WERE TALKING
ABOUT BUT IT COULDN'T BE
HALF AS INTERESTIN' AS
THESE MOUTHWATERIN'
HOSTESS FRUIT
PIES...

YOU FOOLS! WE ALMOST HAD
THE YELLA-HAIRED ONE IN OUR
POWER! DUMB COUSINS!

FORSOOTH, M'LADY... NOT
SO DUMB... THEY KNOWETH OF
YON DELICIOUS SNACK...

NOW HOME TO ODIN.
BE SURE TO SAVE SOME
HOSTESS FRUIT PIES
FOR THAT GREAT
ONE TO ENJOY,
TOO!

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WERE WE SAYING...? OH, LOOKA
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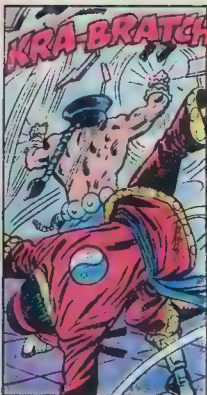
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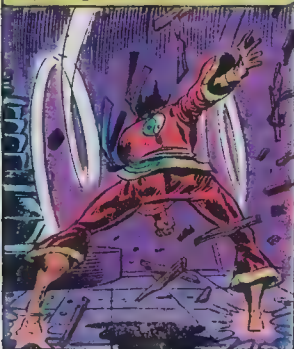
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KRA-BRATCH



"--AVOID ITS FUTURE FLIGHTS AND--"



NO--NOT NOW!

...?

"THE SOUND OF TIRES, HALTING ABRUPTLY..."



"BUT WHY SHOULD IT ALARM HIM SO M--"



"GONE."

"IN THE BRIEFEST OF POSSIBLE MOMENTS, HE HAS DISAPPEARED."

"AND THE AUTOMOBILE IT BELONGS TO--"



RESTON!

THERE YOU ARE, CHI!
LISTEN--WE'VE GOT A
NOTE HERE FOR YOU,
AND I'M AFRAID IT
SPELLS TROUBLE!!

NOTE?

"YES. AND
NOW, THE
REASON
FOR HIS
ATTACK--

"THE MEANING
OF HIS CRYPT-
IC WORDS."

have changed, and
even those spirits who
once bewitched the
night have faded
and have been
stolen by a cold
wind.

Juliette

"...IS CLEAR,
ALL TOO
CLEAR..."

"...AND YET AS
VAGUE AS THE
SHADOWED
HEART OF A
MYSTERY... A
LOST MIDNIGHT,
CLOAKED IN LONG-
AGO MISTS..."



"ALL NIGHTS ARE DIFFERENT... EACH IS THE SAME."

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